

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 13, 15 and 17 are pending. Claims 7, 9, 13, 15 and 17 are allowed. Claims 2 and 3 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Reconsideration is requested. Claim 1 is amended to add the limitations of allowable claim 2 and claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 3 is amended to depend from allowable claim 1 as amended. Claim 4 which depends from claim 1 should now be allowable.

With the above amendments, this application with claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 15 and 17 should be in condition for allowance.

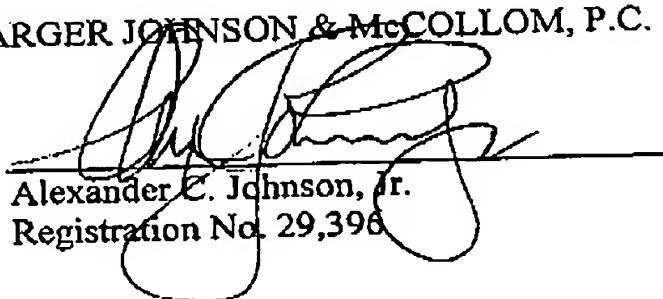
If any questions remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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